



MaineCare EHR Incentive Program

Important Notice:

****2016 is the last year a provider can begin participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program****

Registration for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program must be completed on the CMS Registration site **prior** to December 31, 2016.

Providers have a choice in what they apply for in the first year of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program:

AIU (adopt, implement or upgrade) a Certified EHR technology (CEHRT) **or** **MU** (submit Meaningful Use data).

Year 1 AIU Requirements (no Meaningful Use submission required – 2016 is the last year AIU will be available):

1. Must have a **2014 CEHRT** (Certified EHR technology)
The CEHRT system does not need to be fully implemented to qualify, but a contract with a vendor for the CEHRT is required at a minimum.
2. **Medicaid Eligibility:** Must have a minimum of 30% Medicaid patient volume for a 90-day period (90-day period can be selected from calendar year 2015 or 2016, up to the time of application)
Click [here](#) for a guide to determine Medicaid patient volume
There are two levels that can be used for the Medicaid patient volume calculation:
 1. Individual provider's encounters and claims – only the individual provider's information is used for the calculation; if the calculation is 30% or greater, that provider only will use the calculation
 2. Practice level encounters and claims – all encounters for the practice location are used for the calculation. If the calculation is 30% or greater, all providers at the practice will use the practice-level calculation as a proxy.

Year 1 MU Requirements (includes 90 day reporting period of MU data within calendar year 2016)

Same AIU requirements above for CEHRT and Medicaid Eligibility, **plus**

3. Submission of a 90 day reporting period of MU data that occurs within the program year of application (2016)
 - The MU requirements are the same for the Medicare incentive program and the Medicaid incentive program

Incentive Payments for Participation:

- Six potential payment years: total \$63,330 per provider
 - Year 1 - \$21,250 per provider for AIU or MU application
 - Years 2 through 6 - \$8,500 per provider (MU submission required)

Application Process:

1. Complete a registration at the [CMS Registration and Attestation site](#) (must be completed prior to 12/31/16).

Click [here](#) for a guide to completing the registration on the CMS site; this guide has screen-shots that will help you avoid some common issues on the site.

2. **Registration** is completed and maintained on the CMS Registration and Attestation site; **application** is completed with the State of Maine.
3. When your registration is completed, you will receive an automated email with the 2016 Maine Medicaid Eligibility Worksheet attached.
 - a. Complete and submit the Medicaid Eligibility worksheet to start the application process (applications must be received by the Maine program prior to April 30, 2017).
 - b. There is a guide to assist you with the completion of the Medicaid Eligibility worksheet, and a link to the guide is on the first page of the worksheet.
4. If you are applying for **AIU** we will approve your submitted worksheet and then send out an attestation email for you to return. Once we receive the attestation email, you will be queued for payment of \$21,250.
5. If you are applying for **MU**, we will approve your submitted worksheet and then send out an email with a link to download our “wizard” application. You will gather your MU reports and enter that data into the wizard; the data is submitted to us from within the wizard application. After the MU data is approved we will send out an attestation email for you to return. Once we receive the attestation email, you will then be queued for payment of \$21,250.

For more information please visit the following websites:

- Maine Program website with first year participation details:
http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/prof_incent.htm
- Maine Program website with MU requirement details:
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/>
- CMS Program website: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>

We hope this gives you some information to begin participation with the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program for program year 2016.

Please contact us with any questions: EhrHelpdesk.DHHS@maine.gov

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